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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NON-USE OF FORCE:

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH UK, FRENCH AND USSR DELS ON CHARTER REVIEW ISSUES (SEPTEL) MISOFF RAISED QUESTION OF SOVIET PROCEDURAL MOVES IN NUF COMMITTEE. MISOFF INDICATED TO SOVS THAT SOV ACTIVISM AND PROCEDURAL MANEUVERS DESCRIBED TO ENLIST SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THEIR NUF DRAFT RAN A NUMBER OF VERY SERIOUS RISKS. AMONG THESE RISKS WERE EDUCATING CHARTER REVIEW PROPONENTS ON HOW TO MAKE THAT COMMITTEE MOVE MORE RAPIDLY, PRESSURE FOR VOTING IN NUF COMMITTEE WHICH COULD NOT ONLY EFFECT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD FUTURE OF EXERCISE BUT SLOP OVER INTO OTHER SIMILAR COMMITTEES SUCH AS CHARTER REVIEW. MISOFF NOTED THAT, WHILE US DESIRE FOR UN REFORM MADE IT ALMOST UNTHINKABLE THAT WE WOULD RECONSIDER OUR PARTICIPATION IN CHARTER COMMITTEE SIMILAR PRESSURES DID NOT NECESSARILY APPLY TO NUF COMMITTEE.

2. KOLESNIK (USSR) INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF POINTS MADE, SAID HE COULD NOT GO HOME EMPTY HANDED FROM NUF EXERCISE BUT WOULD REFLECT ON HOW BEST PROCEED IN CONFIDENTIAL.

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LIGHT OF MISOFF'S COMMENTS.

3. TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM ABOVE COMMENTS BY MISOFF TO DATE: (A) DECISION BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CUEVAS CANCINO, AFTER SPEAKING SEPARATELY WITH KOLESNIK AND DELOFF, TO DEFER ALL PROCEDURAL ISSUES UNTIL END OF GENERAL DEBATE; (B) REQUEST LATER IN DAY BY

SOVS FOR MEETING WITH US - UK - FRENCH DELOFFS TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL ISSUES BEFORE THEY AROSE SO THAT "WE MAY AVOID AN UNSEEMLY PUBLIC DISPUTE WITH SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES YOU MENTIONED."

4. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW FAR WE CAN DRIVE SOVS OFF THE IDEA OF THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, BUT THEY ARE APPARENTLY LESS SMUG ABOUT IT THAN THEY WERE YESTERDAY.
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